

Sinclair Broadcasting's choice to force their stations to broadcast an anti-Kerry documentary prior to the election is an example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large conglomerates control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their wallets and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced in a spin room for the Republican Party, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to go back and revisit media ownership rules. There are good reasons for a free press, and our democracy depends on it. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.